



Hurgo, Wilson Say Implies President Delayed Action for Political Motives

By Edward T. Folliard
Staff Reporter

Rep. Bob Wilson of California, chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, told the Republican National Committee here yesterday that the Cuban crisis cost the Grand Old Party as many as 20 House seats.

He said that he and some other members of Congress knew about the existence of Russian offensive weapons in Cuba six weeks before the

Gov. Rockefeller's political aides try to head off any boom for Presidency now, as far too early.

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1962 election, having been given the information by Administration officials at a secret briefing on Capitol Hill. But President Kennedy did nothing, Wilson said, until the Republicans "forced" him to take action.

Recalling a recent remark by Mr. Kennedy that Americans must expect further crises, Wilson told a Mayflower luncheon audience that he sometimes has nightmares that the Democrats will arrange for a crisis every October in advance of an election. 'Overestimating Guillibility'

"But I think they are overestimating the guillibility of the public," Wilson said. "They (the voters) are not going to swallow manufactured crises in the future."

Asked afterward by reporters whether he was accusing President Kennedy of manufacturing the Cuban crisis for a political purpose, the Californian said:

"The point is that the inaction and the management of the news helped build up the crisis that had to be solved. "I don't think we can have any more manufactured crises."

Miller Credits GOP

Rep. William E. Miller of New York, chairman of the Republican National Committee, agreed that the Cuban crisis hurt GOP chances of making gains in Congress. He also joined with Representative Wilson in giving the Republicans credit for exposing the Russian build-up in Cuba. He added: "Thus, with two weeks remaining before Election Day, the President took the steps which Republican leaders had been urging upon him. The net effect was un-

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land was virtually paralyzed under a two-foot blanket of snow and a large section of the Pennsylvania Turnpike was closed because of snowy and icy surfaces. Story on Page A8.

Be Coming Here e Lady's Safety

ally with Mrs. the insurance. Even a "priceless" painting must be insured, and one figure quoted if the famous has been a valuation of \$100 million.

Yesterday in Paris, Waverley Root of The Washington Post Foreign Service said the morning Figaro published an appeal to Americans to decline the loan of the Mona Lisa. "You don't ask a beautiful woman to come to you," the paper chided, "you go see her."

Latest Move in Campaign
This was the latest move in Figaro's campaign to impede coalition against exposing

Kesler's Effort to Trapped

Chancellor Agrees to Retire

Erhard to Succeed Adenauer Next Fall

By Diana Lewis

The Washington Post Foreign Service

BONN, Dec. 7.—Chancellor and final agreement was Konrad Adenauer has formalized soon. A spokesman agreed to retire in the fall said they wanted to form today.

While no specific date was sufficiently solid to confirm, it was expected that he would step down when Parliament reconvenes after the summer recess.

Adenauer's decision cleared the way for a new coalition government between his Christian Democratic Union and the minor Free Democratic Party.

The two parties conducted everything short of a detailed negotiations. See BONN, A10, Column

Kennedy Praises SAC After Tour of Offutt Base

By Carroll Kilpatrick

Staff Reporter

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 7.—President Kennedy today described the Strategic Air Command's contribution to a peaceful settlement of the Cuban crisis as "paralleled in the history of air power."

He paid this high tribute to the Air Force's strategic power after spending three hours in the underground command post at Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha, Nebraska, in offensive

Mr. Kennedy then flew to Los Alamos, N. M., and Albuquerque to inspect work on Project Rover, the program strength he ordered developed a nuclear propulsion system to send men to Kennedy's Cuban action possible.

On this 21st anniversary of Pearl Harbor, the Commander-in-Chief saw a demonstration developing nuclear weapons of military might, which he described as the basis for success of his Cuban policy andquerque. Sandia Corp. in Albuquerque designs, which he hopes will avert an and monitors production other Pearl Harbor.

One SAC bomber can carry the nuclear equivalent to all the bombs dropped in World War II.

At Los Alamos, Mr. Kennedy said the United States fails to take into account "what an extraordinary burden and what an extraordinary job" it has done in the last 17 years in the defense of freedom.

U. S. to insist that Soviets withdraw bulk of troops from Cuba, estimated up to 14,000. Page A7

At Offutt, the President participated in the recent specific nuclear tests. At Offutt, the President awarded a plaque to SAC, meritorious achievement during the Cuban crisis.

Rep. Wilson Tells GOP Strategists That Cuba Crisis Timing Hurt Party

questionably a sharp upturn in Mr. Kennedy's personal popularity and prestige."

But the Republican strategists assembled at the Mayflower did not limit their oratory to what happened on Nov. 6.

They were looking ahead to 1964 and talking about plans for a GOP comeback.

"Make no mistake about it," said Chairman Miller. "The Republican Party stands substantially stronger than it did before the election. We are growing in popular favor. . . . This is the time when all of us must recognize that unity in planning, purpose and action must be solidified and maintained. That is the only formula for success—the secret of victory in 1964."

Miller announced that henceforth the Republicans would go all out in what they call "Operation Dixie," which has brought the GOP 11 House seats in the South. He noted that in 1958 there were 35 congressional seats in the South that the Republicans did not even contest.

"Our resolve to wipe out the Democrats' built-in advantage began to bear fruit in 1962," he said. "The number of seats for which there was no Republican candidate dwindled to 57."

"In 1964—unless our opponents again wish to give up districts without a fight—there will be no uncontested congressional races. We plan to field a candidate against every Democrat, however well entrenched he may seem to be."

Chairman Miller said the Republican Party was not only out to smash the Democratic monopoly on Senate and House seats, but was determined to pick up additional electoral votes in the South in presidential elections.

"The record shows," Miller continued, "that few of the South's 128 electoral votes can be taken for granted by the Democrats much longer . . . And do not be misled or dismayed by those who are trying to give Northern Republicans a guilt complex over our Southern imposts . . . Our successes in the South need no apology. They are the product of hard and intelligent effort by the part of people dedicated to the Republican principles of freedom and sound government."

Four new members were seated by the Republican National Committee at yesterday's meeting: Mrs. Forrest Braden of Arizona; Richard F. Treadway of Massachusetts; Myrtle Watson of South Dakota, and Fred La Rue of Mississippi.

On the other hand, the court ruling pointed out, the 1962 reapportionment left one county representing the equivalent of 100,000 persons, as compared with the mathematical equivalent of 100,000.

Richard B. Sellers, committee treasurer, reported that state chairman for Ohio, told the Party's debt, which was \$600,000 in January, had been reduced to \$414,000.

Ray C. Bills, Republican state chairman for Ohio, told reporters that he had thought of succeeding Miller as national chairman.

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Mr. Miller's remarks high-
lighted a gathering of members
of the National Committee and
state chairmen from all 50
states to discuss the outcome
this year's election and make
plans for the party's 1964 cam-
paign.

What little politicking there
is in the meetings was sub-
dued but the general feeling
is that New York's Gov. Nei-
l A. Rockefeller will be able
to obtain the nomination for
asking.

Committee members and
particularly the State chair-
men appeared more concerned
with getting the party on an
equal basis for the 1964 pres-
idential campaign.

One of the principal issues
is whether Mr. Miller should
have in his dual role as a
member of Congress from New
York State and as chairman of
the National Committee which
has to direct the party's
fate until the next pres-
idential campaign gets under
way.

Southernists met
to question was brought to
the front by George C. Smith,
chairman who met briefly
at night and plan another
meeting today before a "house-
like" closed session of the
National Committee tomorrow.
Southernists supported
one Midwestern and one
Coast chairman, believe
the National Committee
should be headed by a full-time
man. There was no pick
of whom of Mr. Miller
or the party's failure to
get anything like its goal
in the year's election.
No feelings were expressed
by either the Mississippi
delegation and leader of
the Southern group who had
been told Mr. Miller but
he did not say why the
Southernists should be
so anxious about him.

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as chairman of the National
Committee and continues to
lead the party in the reg-
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"We should urge the
subject for party's continuing
interest in," said Mr. Miller, "a strong party organization at
the State and county level,
please."

"If we do that, we can take
on the Kennedy's and beat
them."

"Mr. Miller, in his report to
leadership were interested in
drafting Ray C. Bliss, Ohio
State chairman, for Mr. Mil-
ler's party pool."

Bliss Not Interested

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